

## Betty and Dupree

The Brothers Four

Gather 'round people let me tell you 'bout Dupree  
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And his woman back in 1903  
Betty was her name said she wanted a diamond ring  
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Dupree told Betty you can have most anything  
Just lay down pretty Betty see what tomorrow brings  
Said lay down pretty Betty see what tomorrow brings  
May bring sunshine it may bring your diamond ring.

Dupree went down-town a '44 in his hand  
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Went for the jewelry but he shot that jewelry man  
Dupree said Betty here's your diamond ring  
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Just to please you pretty Betty I've done, done a wicked thing.

Dupree told Betty I'm bound for Tennessee  
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I'm sorry pretty Betty but that sheriff is a haunting me  
They caught poor Dupree and put him into the jail  
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Atlanta prison is where Betty took Dupree his mail  
Dupree said judge I ain't been here before  
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Judge told Dupree I'm gonna see that you don't come back no more.

They took him to the scaffold a black cap upon his face  
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Now the cold cold ground is for Dupree's resting place  
Betty went to the graveyard singing near oh my God to thee  
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Oh, mister hangman look what you done done to Dupree  
She told the hack-driver to drive his wagon slow  
Told the hack-driver drive your dead wagon slow  
When you bury my Dupree I ain't gonna see him no more.

Sail on Dupree sail on, sail on Dupree sail on  
Don't mind you sailing but you be gone so long  
So long Dupree poor boy so long, Dupree poor boy  
Don't mind you sailing you'll be gone so long, sail on.

Dupree poor boy...